

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

### **1. (Canceled)**

**2. (Original)** A crosslinking agent or a curing agent for resins, the agent containing as an active component a polyacrylic hydrazide having an average molecular weight of 70,000 to 150,000, a hydrazide conversion ratio of at least 45% and 400 or more hydrazide groups in one molecule.

**3. (Original)** A crosslinking agent or a curing agent for resins, the agent containing as an active component a polyacrylic hydrazide having an average molecular weight of 80,000 to 110,000, a hydrazide conversion ratio of at least 45% and 450 or more hydrazide groups in one molecule.

**4. (Original)** A crosslinking agent or a curing agent for resins, the agent containing as an active component a polyacrylic hydrazide having an average molecular weight of 80,000 to 90,000, a hydrazide conversion ratio of at least 50% and 500 or more hydrazide groups in one molecule.

**5. (Original)** A crosslinking agent or a curing agent for resins, the agent containing as an active component a polyacrylic hydrazide having an average molecular weight of 20,000 to 40,000, a hydrazide conversion ratio of at least 65% and 150 or more hydrazide groups in one molecule.

**6. (Original)** A crosslinking agent or a curing agent for resins, the agent containing as an active component a polyacrylic hydrazide having an average molecular weight of 20,000 to 35,000, a hydrazide conversion ratio of at least 65% and 150 or more hydrazide groups in one molecule.

**7. (Currently Amended)** A resin composition comprising at least one kind of resin selected from an acrylic resin having at least one carbonyl group in the molecule, a

urethane resin and an epoxy resin, and the crosslinking agent or the curing agent as defined in claims ~~[[1]]~~ 2 to 6.

**8. (Currently Amended)** A crosslinked or cured product formed by crosslinking or curing at least one kind of resin selected from an acrylic resin having at least one carbonyl group in the molecule, a urethane resin and an epoxy resin using the crosslinking agent or the curing agent as defined in claims ~~[[1]]~~ 2 to 6.

**9. (Original)** A polyacrylic hydrazide having an average molecular weight of 20,000 to 30,000, and a hydrazide conversion ratio of at least 70%.

**10. (Currently Amended)** A polyacrylic hydrazide having an average molecular weight of ~~50,000 to 150,000~~ 70,000 to 86,000, and a hydrazide conversion ratio of at least 50%.